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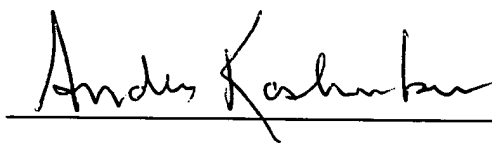
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Acknowledgement is hereby made of the letter submitted January 25, 2001 providing proof that the original, ribboned copy of US Patent No. 5,088,484, the instant application being a reissue application of said patent, was received.

As indicated in the communication mailed December 21, 2001, in view of the decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 29, 1999, claims 1-42, all of the pending claims in the instant application are deemed allowable over the art of record. Thus, the application is in condition for allowance.

However, due to a possible interference, declaration of which is currently being considered, *ex parte* prosecution is **suspended for a period of six (6) months** from the mailing date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, if no further communication from the Office has been received, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.



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